

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 15, 19, 20, 22-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 are amended. The amendment to claim 1 is made to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in now-canceled dependent claims 2 and 3. The amendments to claims 4, 5 and 8 are made for consistency. No new matter is added. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 5, indicates that claims 20 and 22-25 are allowed. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowance.

The Office Action, on page 6, indicates that claims 3-6 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowability and amend claim 1 accordingly.

The Office Action, on page 3, rejects claims 1-6, 8, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this rejection.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 15 and 19 are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 3, rejects claims 1, 2 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,898,625 to Henry. The Office Action, on page 4,

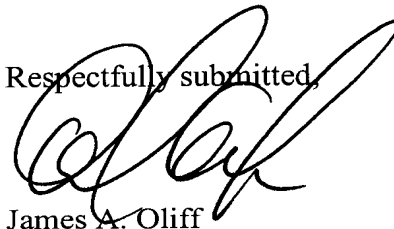
rejects claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henry in view of "Xeroxgraphy and Photocopying" by George Watson, University of Delaware (hereinafter "Xeroxgraphy and Photocopying"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the appropriateness of the current rejections, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in dependent claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 4-6, 8, 15 and 19 are also allowable for at least the dependence of these claims on independent claim 1, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4-6, 18, 15 and 19, in addition to the allowance of claims 20 and 22-25, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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